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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York.

### PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's opening prayer will be offered by guest Chaplain Rev. Marvin Ray Gant from Central Christian Church in Henderson, NV.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank You for our very health and ability to be here today. We pray that You will inspire the minds of our Senators to whom You have committed the responsibility of government and the leadership of the United States of America. Give to them the wisdom and truth and justice that by their wisdom and counsel people of all races and creeds can, from your legislators, receive the dignity they deserve and, even more, side by side with the people of this great Nation, feel their pain, share their joys, dream their dreams, and strive to accompany them truly to life, liberty, justice, and the pursuit of happiness. I therefore this day lift up our Senate and President to You. Give them the wisdom they need to strengthen and prosper our Nation and our future.

In Your Holy Name we all pray. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, June 24, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mrs. GILLIBRAND thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. REID. Madam President, it was really a pleasure for me this morning to listen to and visit with Rev. Marvin Gant. Marvin is from the town where I went to high school. When I went to high school there, Henderson was a relatively small community, but, of course, now it is the second largest city in Nevada. It is a metropolitan area. But when Reverend Gant first started preaching in Henderson, it was a much smaller community. So I am happy to have him here. He is now part of—not a small church like he has been involved in in other phases of his life but a huge church—a megachurch, it is called, the largest in Nevada, led by a man by the name of Judd Wilhite.

Judd Wilhite is a man who has such a great presence, as we say. The first time I witnessed his presence was at a funeral service he conducted for a police officer who was killed, a U.S. marshal who was killed. There were thousands of people there. When it came

time for him to talk, he did speak and it was for less than 5 minutes, but he was conducting the ceremony and did it in a unique and brilliant and spiritual way.

I am very happy to have my friend Reverend Gant here. He brings honor to Nevada and to all the congregations he has served over many years in his pastoral duties. I am glad to call him my friend.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, following leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business for an hour, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. The majority will control the first 30 minutes and Republicans will control the final 30 minutes.

Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the House message on H.R. 4213, the tax extenders legislation. Last week, I filed a motion to invoke cloture with the Baucus substitute amendment. The cloture vote will occur tomorrow morning unless an agreement can be reached to vote today.

We also hope to reach an agreement to consider the Iran sanctions conference report today or we will do it tomorrow, if necessary. It is something we need to do. Senators will be notified when any votes are scheduled.

### TAX EXTENDERS

Mr. REID. Madam President, this morning I want to take just a few minutes and update the Senate on our work here in the Senate. Not only do I want to update our fellow Senators but also our constituents watching around the country about the bill currently before this body.

For people around America, for people in the State of New York, the State of the Presiding Officer, I have received calls from the Governor of New York

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